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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**RICHMOND MAN SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS IN PRISON  
FOR ECSTASY TRAFFICKING CHARGES**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DEREK YORK, 28, of Richmond, Indiana, was sentenced to 48 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to Attempted Possession With Intent to Distribute Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), commonly known as “ecstasy”. The charges in this case arise out of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

On September 24, 2005, DEREK YORK traveled from Indianapolis, Indiana to the Netherlands. While in the Netherlands, YORK obtained approximately 4,000 tablets (“hits”)

of MDMA. After obtaining the MDMA, YORK utilized Federal Express to send a package containing the MDMA to a residence in Centerville, Indiana.

On September 27, 2005, investigators from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to a residence located at 7798 George Doherty Road in Centerville, Indiana regarding a suspicious Fed Ex package that had arrived at that address. When the resident of the residence refused delivery of the package, it was returned to the Fed Ex facility in Richmond, Indiana.

At the Fed Ex facility, law enforcement agents used a drug detecting canine to conduct a sniff test of the package. The canine alerted to the odor of a controlled substance after sniffing the package. The package was opened and found to contain 3,997 tablets of what was later tested and determined to be MDMA.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed three years of supervised release and ordered York to perform eight hours of community service per month during the time he is on supervised release. YORK will now be returned to Tippecanoe County, Indiana where he faces unrelated charges of criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weapon.

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